



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 6, 2005

### **H.R. 3647**

#### **A bill to render nationals of Denmark eligible to enter the United States as nonimmigrant traders and investors**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on September 29, 2005*

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3647 would result in no significant net cost to the federal government. The bill could affect direct spending, but we estimate that any net effects would be insignificant. H.R. 3647 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 3647 would permit nationals of Denmark to enter the United States temporarily as nonimmigrant investors or traders if Denmark extends reciprocal treatment to U.S. nationals. If such individuals apply for entry into the United States under the bill's provisions, the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) would charge a fee of \$190 to adjudicate the application and the Department of State would charge a \$100 fee to process machine-readable visas. Based on the number of Danish citizens who have entered the United States recently in nonimmigrant categories comparable to investors and traders, CBO expects that additional collections would not exceed \$1 million annually. Both CIS and the Department of State are authorized to spend such fees without further appropriation, so the net impact on federal spending in any year would not be significant.

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